

DIGITAL STILL CAMERA WITH
HIGH-QUALITY PORTRAIT MODE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A digital still camera (10) receives and digitizes
visible radiation (17) and sound waves (32) from a scene
(12). When an operator actuates a shutter release (46),
the camera detects and evaluates digitized information (22,
38) from the scene in a continuing manner, until a point in
time when information representative of a human facial
characteristic satisfies a specified criteria set by the
operator through use of switches (47, 48) and a display
10 (51). The camera then records in a memory (59) a digital
image of the scene, which corresponds to the point in time.
The stored image is a high-quality image, which can avoid
characteristics such as eyes that are closed or a mouth
that is open.
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